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For: VARIANTS OF ALTERNATIVE SPLICING

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into the third month after the response due date, i.e., until April 1, 2005, for responding to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004. A Divisional Application was filed on March 31, 2005 based on the above-cited application.

A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$1,020.00 is attached hereto for this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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